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1. WITH SOME 30 COUNTRIES THAT I AM SUPPOSED TO WATCH OVER, I OCCASIONALLY DO FORGET SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT I COULD USE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL AMBASSADORS. I WAS AWARE OF THE MANDIC INCIDENTS AND WILL LOOK FOR AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO HIT BELOVSKI ON IT. I DO NOT RECALL HAVING HEARD OF THE GRACANIN MATTER BUT AGREE THAT IT IS A USEFUL DEBATING REPLY.

2. DEPARTMENT HAD ONLY VERY LIMITED INFORMATION ON YUGO-SLAV PREPARATIONS OR SCHEDULE FOR NIKOLA TESLA CELEBRATION AND WE WERE NOT AWARE THAT EXCHANGE OF GIFTS WOULD TAKE PLACE ON JULY 10 AT SMILJAN. AS INDICATED IN STATE 166544, WE HOPED THAT PROGRAM OF EVENTS COULD BE VERIFIED IN BELGRADE. OTHER AVAILABLE INFO AS RECEIVED
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FROM YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WAS RELAYED IN STATE 164363. WE

SENT ESSENTIALLY SAME INFO TO NSC STAFF ALONG WITH SOME

SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION. INCLUDED ON LIST, AMONG SEVERAL NAMES, AS NOTED STATE 164363, WAS BOGDAN MAGLICH. HIS NAME HAD COME TO EE'S ATTENTION IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND PRIME MOVER BEHIND IDEA FOR TESLA MOMUMENT AT NIAGARA FALLS. I AM TOLD HE WAS ALWAYS AFFABLE AND PLEASANT ON THE PHONE. ALTHOUGH WE PROVIDED SOME GENERAL BACKGROUND PAPERS AND ASSISTED WITH TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS NEITHER EE NOR I MET WITH FLETCHER OR MAGLICH BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE. MAGLICH DID NOT COME TO WASHINGTON; I TRIED TO TELEPHONE FLETCHER THE AFTERNOON BEFORE HE LEFT BUT HE DID NOT RETURN THE CALL. I WAS MOST DISTRESSED TO SEE KAISER'S COMMENTS ABOUT MAGLICH IN BELGRADE 4573; WE WILL LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER AND SEE THAT YOU GET RESPONSE. I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT ON THE SURFACE MAGLICH CERTAINLY HAD EXCELLENT CREDENTIALS (STATE 166417) WHICH MUST HAVE INFLUENCED HIS SELECTION BY WHITE HOUSE TO ACCOMPANY FLETCHER.

3. WITH REGARD BELGRADE 4469, IT WAS MY IDEA TO PUT SLUG "DELIVER 8:00 AM" ON STATE 168197 TO BOTH BELGRADE AND ZAGREB RE MY JULY 8 MORNING MEETING WITH BELOVSKI RE TOT. I HAD WANTED TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT YOU HAD AS MUCH OPPORTUNITY AS POSSIBLE TO RESPOND BEFORE BELOVSKI CAME IN. YOUR FLASH BELGRADE 4453 WAS RECEIVED WELL BEFORE MEETING, WAS MOST HELPFUL AND WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. WE USE THIS SLUG OR SOMETHING COMPARABLE FOR MESSAGES TO USNATO AND SOME OTHER POSTS WITH 24 HOUR COMMUNICATION FACILITIES TO ASSURE THAT A MESSAGE RECEIVES RAPID PROCESSING AND IS GIVEN TO ACTION OFFICER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS. I AM SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE OUR MISUSE OF HANDLING SYMBOL IN THIS CASE MAY HAVE CAUSED YOU AND THE COMMUNICATORS AT BOTH THE EMBASSY AND CONGEN ZAGREB. KISSINGER

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